

Admissions

(ACT). Students applying to an impacted program who are required to submit test scores should take the test no later than early December if applying for fall admission or no later than November if applying to San Diego, San Luis Obispo, or Sonoma. Test scores are also used for advising and placement purposes. Registration forms and dates for either test may be obtained from high school or college counselors or from a CSU campus testing office. Or, write to or call:

The College Board (SAT I)
Registration Unit, Box 592
Princeton, New Jersey 08541
(609) 771-7588

American College Testing Program (ACT)
Registration Unit, P.O. Box 168
Iowa City, Iowa 52240
(319) 337-1270

TOEFL Requirement. All undergraduate applicants whose native language is not English, regardless of citizenship, must demonstrate English language proficiency through an official TOEFL report showing a minimum score of 500. All graduate applicants must submit a minimum TOEFL score of 550, unless they have a baccalaureate degree from an institution of higher education in which English is the language of instruction. Individual campuses may require higher scores for specific majors.

Systemwide Tests Required of Most New Students. The CSU requires new students to be tested in English and mathematics after admission and prior to enrollment. These are not admission tests but a way to determine whether you are prepared for college work and, if not, to counsel you how to strengthen your preparation. You might be exempt from one or both of the tests if you have scored well on other specified tests or completed appropriate courses.

English Placement Test (EPT). Unless exempt according to CSU policy, all students enrolling at California State University, Fresno must take the EPT after admission and prior to enrollment. (See *Academic Placement*.)

Entry-Level Mathematics (ELM) Exam. Unless exempt according to CSU policy, all students enrolling at California State University, Fresno must take the ELM

after admission and prior to enrollment. (See *Academic Placement*.)

Adult Students. As an alternative to regular admission criteria, applicants who are 25 years of age or older may be considered for admission as adult students if they meet all of the following conditions:

1. possess a high school diploma (or have established equivalence through either the Tests of General Educational Development or the California High School Proficiency Examination)
2. have not been enrolled as a full-time student for more than one term during the past five years (*Part-time enrollment is permissible.*)
3. earned a C average or better in college coursework during the last five years

Consideration is based on the applicant's probability of academic success and includes an assessment of basic skills in the English language and mathematical computation. For information, call our Reentry Office, (209) 278-3040.

Graduation Requirements in Writing Proficiency. All students must demonstrate competency in writing skills as a requirement for graduation. Information on currently available ways to meet this graduation requirement may be obtained from the Evaluations Office or the Testing Office.

Graduate and Postbaccalaureate Admission Requirements

See *Division of Graduate Studies*.

International (Foreign) Students

The California State University must assess the academic preparation of foreign students. For this purpose, "foreign students" include those who hold U.S. visas as students and exchange visitors.

The CSU uses separate requirements and application filing dates in the admission of foreign students. Verification of English proficiency (see *TOEFL Requirement* for undergraduate applicants), financial resources, and academic performance are all important considerations. Academic records from foreign institutions must be on file at least eight

weeks before registration for the first term and, if not in English, must be submitted in native language and accompanied by a certified English translation. No final admission decision will be made until required materials have been submitted to International Admissions. Priority in admission is given to residents of California.

At California State University, Fresno admissions decisions are made on the basis of complete academic records from all secondary and college level schools, and demonstrated English proficiency based on the results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). A current certification of financial support is required before an I-20 form (Certificate of Eligibility) can be issued.

Obtain information on TOEFL testing dates and centers by writing TOEFL, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey 08540, or contacting our Testing Office.

Applicants should take TOEFL at least six months before the beginning of the semester to which they are seeking admission to allow time for receipt and evaluation of test scores.

To qualify for undergraduate admission, an international student must present a score of 500 or better on the TOEFL.

TOEFL Requirement. All graduate and postbaccalaureate applicants, regardless of citizenship, and whose native language is not English, must demonstrate competence in English. A post-baccalaureate or graduate student must present a score of 550 or better. The TOEFL score required for admission to specific programs may be higher than the minimum of 500 for undergraduate and 550 for postbaccalaureate applicants indicated above. Students should check these TOEFL requirements in the departmental listings.

To assure that students are prepared to take advantage of the educational opportunities available at California State University, Fresno, each international student who must submit TOEFL scores will be required to participate in a postadmission testing program. The tests will be administered during orientation, immediately before the student's first matriculated semester. The purpose of